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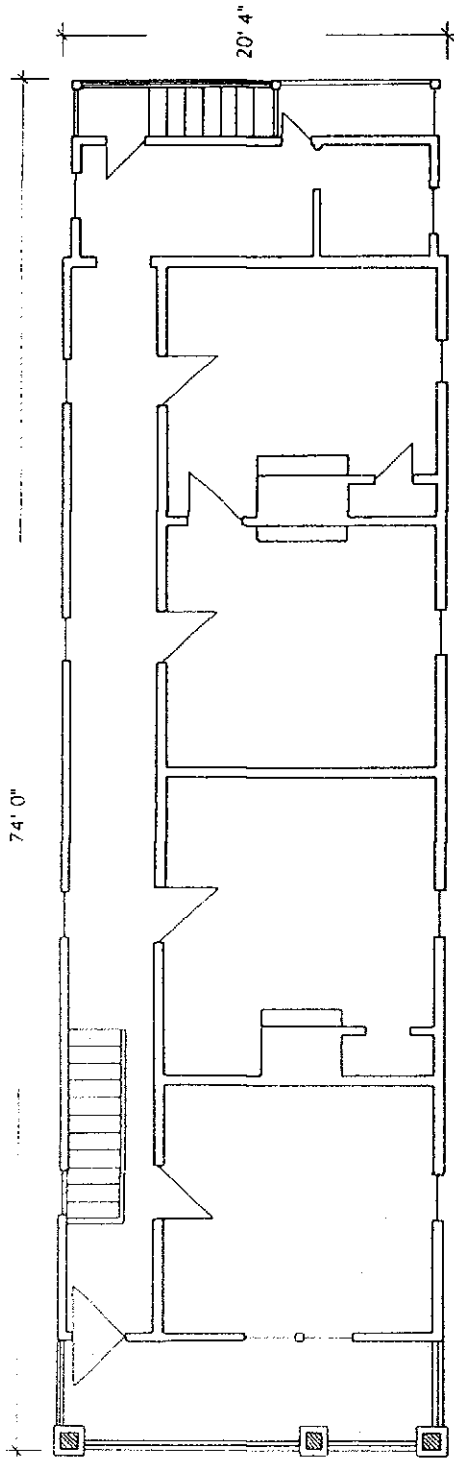
Significance: This is one of three adjacent, two-story, shotgun-style houses built by blacks in the early 1930s.

Description: This is a side-hall, shotgun-style duplex house. Originally it housed two families, one on each floor. It essentially is a duplicate of two neighboring buildings.

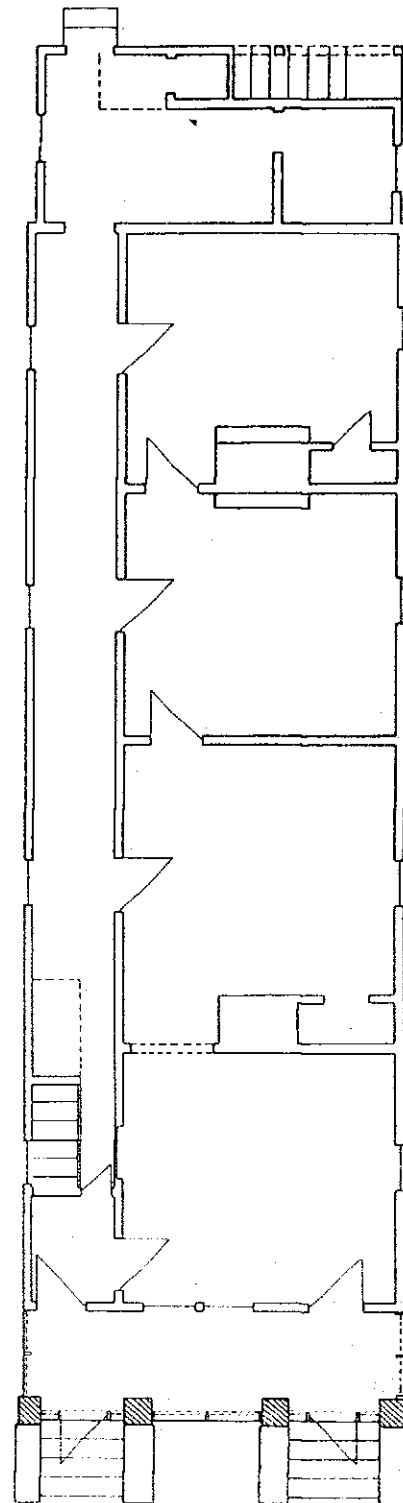
History: Built sometime shortly after 1929 by Ethel Spencer, daughter of William Henry Spencer, the head of Columbus' black schools, and Richard Pierce, a speculator. This house is first listed in 1931 city directory as the residence of Gabriel McCrary, a black man who was an employee of the Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company. He continued to live there until 1936. Black occupants are listed thereafter.

Sources: Georgia Architectural and Historic Properties Survey-Inventory Form No. M-111; City Tax Maps; City Directories; Muscogee County deed records; Sanborn Insurance Maps; informant Alphonso Biggs.

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FIRST FLOOR

